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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated May 20, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 12-29.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. (x) A response to the final rejection has been filed.
- 2. (x) An extension of time to October 20, 2003 to respond to the final rejection of May 20, 2003, pursuant to Section 1.136(a) for a period of two (2) months with the following fee:

() One Month

() Small Entity \$ 55.00

() Other \$110.00

(x) Two Months

(x) Small Entity \$205.00

() Other \$410.00

() Three Months

() Small Entity \$465.00

() Other \$930.00

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- 3. (x) Appeal Fee:
 - (x) Small Entity \$160.00
- () Other \$320.00
- 4. (x) TOTAL AMOUNT: \$365.00
 - (x) Enclosed
 - () Not Required
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